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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 316

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Dating Violence Policy and Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires school corporations to have policies and provide education regarding dating violence.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Education (DOE) would have to develop guidelines on the basic principles and warning signs of dating violence. The DOE also has to develop a model dating violence policy by April 1, 2001, to assist school corporations in developing policies for dating violence reporting and response. The State Board of Education would have to adopt rules to assist teachers in implementing the guidelines and policies on dating violence developed by the DOE.

The bill does not provide an appropriation to fund these initiatives. Therefore, in lieu of any additional appropriations, the DOE would have to carry out these provisions within their existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under this bill, each school corporation shall include instruction concerning dating violence in its health education curriculum for grades 7 through 12. The bill also requires each corporation to establish a specific policy to address incidents of dating violence involving students at school (e.g., classroom, school bus, any school-sponsored event, on or immediately adjacent to school premises) by December 1, 2011. The policy developed is to be published in the school corporation's discipline rules. Corporations shall verify compliance annually with the DOE.

The bill directs each corporation to provide dating violence training to all administrators, teachers, nurses,

and mental health staff and other staff as required, at the middle, junior high school, and high school levels. This training would be provided annually to newly hired employees at the administrator's discretion. The training would prepare school staff to recognize symptoms of dating violence and to respond appropriately to incidents of dating violence at school. The corporation would also have to inform parents of its dating violence policy and provide a copy of the policy if requested.

The immediate impact would be the cost of training materials for students and staff. Training for staff could be accomplished during teacher in-service days. School health education curriculums may have to be modified to include dating violence instruction, but this can be carried out within the existing level of school resources. However, either the school corporation or students would have to bear the cost of curriculum materials.

Background Information: According to data from Clarian Health, 11.6% of Indiana high school youth reported being hit or physically hurt by their boyfriend/girlfriend; approximately 13.2% of females and 3.2% of males reported being physically forced into sexual relations.

Indianapolis was one of ten cities nationwide to receive a four-year grant of up to \$1M on behalf of an initiative to prevent intimate partner violence. The program is currently being implemented at Westland Middle School and is expected to be implemented in Eastbrook Middle School in 2010. It targets students 11 to 14 years old but can also be extended to engage older teens. A school official at Eastbrook Middle School indicated that the training requirements for school teachers and administrators were minimal. The cost of the training material per student is approximately \$215.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also developed a program on dating relationships and has published a community action kit that discusses the program and has information on other resources. It also publishes several DVD/CD Combo packages on different aspects of dating violence. The cost for each package ranges from \$15 to \$55.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DOE; State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Start Strong: <http://www.startstrongteens.org>; *Safe Dates: An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum*: <http://www.hazelden.org>; Ms Kelly Bremer, Program Coordinator, Health Promotions, Clarian Health, 317-962-5604; Mr Thomas A. Oestreich, Assistant Principal, Eastwood Middle School, 317-259-5401; *Assessing the Long-Term Effects of the Safe Dates Program and a Booster in Preventing and Reducing Adolescent Dating Violence Victimization and Perpetration*, Foshee et al, American Journal of Public Health, April 2004, Vol 94, No.4; Choose Respect Initiative: <http://www.chooserespect.org>.

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